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TO AMEMBASSY PANAMA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJECT: ARMOR FOR NON-VEHICLE USE

REF: PANAMA 0681

1. ANSWERS RE SUPPLY POLICY, TECHNICAL INFO, SOURCES AND COSTS OF BOTH OPAQUE AND TRANSPARET ARMOR MATERIALS FOR ALL USES OTHER THAN ON VEHICLES, ARE CONTAINED IN A-7405, DATED 12/11/75, SUBJECT: GUIDANCE ON ARMORING MATERIALS TO PROTECT FOREIGN SERVICE POSTS AGAINST FIREARMS.

2. THE MATERIALS WHICH WE HAVE SENT TO THE RTC, SPECIFICALLY 3/16" ALUMINUM AND 1/2" LEXAN MR-4000 WERE SPECIFICALLY SELECTED FOR VEHICLES AND ONLY ACHIEVE THE MINIMUM BALLISTIC RESISTANCE WHICH WE CONSIDER TO BE THE

9MM PARABELLUM, WHEN USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE OUTER METAL OR GLASS OF THE VEHICLE ITSELF. THEREFORE, WE ARE RELUCTANT TO RECOMMEND AS A GENRAL RULE THE EMPLOYMENT OF THIS VEHICLE ARMOR FOR NON-VEHICLE USE. THE ONLY EXCEPTION TO THIS GENERAL RESTRICTION IS WHEN A QUALIFIED MEMBER OF RTC OR RSO STAFF WOULD CONDUCT/OBSERVE TEST USING THIS  
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MATERIAL IN CONJUNCTION WITH NON-VEHICLE APPLICATION, TO  
VERIFY DEFEAT OF 9MM PARABELLUM FROM SUB MACHINEGUN. INGERSOLL

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